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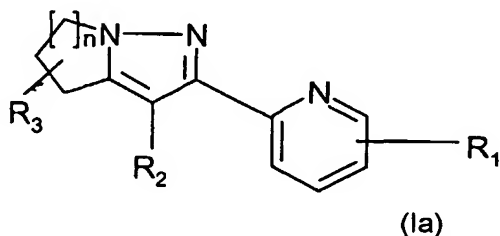
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use as TGF-beta signal transduction inhibitors for treating cancer and  
other diseases in a patient in need thereof by administration of said com-  
pounds.